

JEPA – Journal of Educational Psychology and Assessment (JEPA)

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Submission Guidelines

The *Journal of Educational Psychology and Assessment (JEPA)* invites original scholarly submissions that contribute to theory, research, policy, and practice in the fields of **educational psychology, psychological assessment, counselling, mental health, learning sciences, and related interdisciplinary areas**.

Types of Submissions

JEPA publishes manuscripts under the following categories:

1. Research Articles

- Empirical studies (quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods)
- Theoretical and conceptual papers
- Methodological and assessment-related studies
- **Word limit:** 7,000–9,000 words (excluding references)

2. Review Articles

- Systematic reviews
- Narrative and critical literature reviews
- Review essays on emerging issues
- **Word limit:** 5,000–7,000 words (excluding references)

3. Book Reviews

- Reviews of academic monographs or edited volumes published by recognized academic publishers
- Exceptionally, books published by reputed non-academic publishers may be considered
- Reviews of books published in **Tamil or Sinhala** may be submitted in the respective language
- **Word limit:** 1,000–1,500 words

4. Symposium Contributions

- Invited keynote papers, interviews, scholarly debates, and reflective essays related to Sri Lankan and regional educational psychology discourse
- Publication is at the discretion of the Editorial Board
- Symposium papers are **not subject to peer review**

General Submission Requirements

- All submissions must be **original work** and **not under consideration elsewhere**.
- Authors must confirm originality and exclusive submission in a **cover email**.
- Manuscripts must adhere to **academic integrity, ethical research standards**, and disclosure of any **conflict of interest**.
- Research funding, grants, and ethical approval (where applicable) must be clearly stated.

Peer Review Process

JEPA follows a **double-anonymized peer review process** for research and review articles.

To ensure anonymity:

- Remove author names, affiliations, acknowledgements, and self-identifying references.
- Avoid references to previous publications that may reveal author identity.

Language and Style

- Manuscripts must be written in **English**, using **American spelling**.
- Writing should be accessible to a **broad academic audience**, while maintaining scholarly rigor.
- Clear, coherent, and concise academic style is expected.

Formatting Guidelines

Authors are required to follow the formatting instructions below:

- File format: **Microsoft Word**
- Font: **Times New Roman or Calibri**
- Spacing: **Double-spaced**
- Referencing style: **APA (latest edition)**
 - Refer to:

- APA Official Website
- Purdue OWL – APA Guidelines

Abstract and Keywords

- Abstract: Maximum **250 words**
 - Keywords: Up to **8 keywords**, separated by commas
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Headings Format

Level	Format	Style
Heading 1	1	Bold
Heading 2	1.1	Bold, Italics
Heading 3	1.1.1	Bold, Italics
Heading 4	1.1.1.1	Bold

- Capitalization should be consistent.
- Only the **first word and proper nouns** should be capitalized.

Tables, Figures, and Images

- Tables, figures, and images must be submitted **as separate files**.
- Indicate placement in the manuscript using:
“Insert Table 1 here”
- Images must be high resolution and accompanied by **permission to reproduce** where applicable.

Footnotes and Language Use

- Endnotes are **not permitted**.
- Footnotes should be used **only when essential**.
- For non-English quotations:
 - Provide **English transliteration**
 - Include an **English translation**

Acknowledgements and Ethics

- Acknowledgements may be included to recognize support or contributions.
- Funding sources and grants must be explicitly stated.
- Where applicable, ethical clearance details may be included in the text or as a footnote.

Conflict of Interest Statement

All manuscripts must include a **Conflict of Interest** statement at the end of the paper.

- If none:
“The author(s) declare(s) no conflict of interest.”

Article Processing Charges

JEPA **does not charge any article processing or publication fees.**

Submission and publication are **free of charge.**

Submission Procedure

All manuscripts must be submitted through the **journal submission portal** (details to be announced on the JEPA webpage).

✔ Editorial Note

JEPA aims to promote **high-quality scholarship**, encourage **local and global dialogue**, and strengthen **research-informed educational psychology practice**.